

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFI

In re application of:

Hartley et al.

Appl. No. 09/648,790

Filed: August 28, 2000

For:

Recombinational Cloning Using

Nucleic Acids Having Recombination Sites

Confirmation No. 9852

Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Sandals, W.

TROPING TOO S Atty. Docket: 0942.285000C/RWE/BJD# 1 2

Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended three (3) months from January 21, 2003, to April 21, 2003, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$930.00 for a three (3) month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

04/23/2003 DEHHANU1 00000079 09648790

01 FC:1253

930.00 OP

Brian J. Del Buono Attorney for Applicants Registration No. 42,473

1100 New York Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005-3934 (202) 371-2600

SKGF_DC1:125827.1